

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

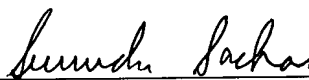
Claims 1-19 are presently active in this case. Claim 20 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Chien, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,461,959). Claims 1-19 were indicated as allowed. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In light of this indication, Claim 20 has been cancelled. Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, the ground for rejection stated in the outstanding Office Action is moot, and Claims 1-19 are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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